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X: occupation power through party secretary general Gerald Goetting and his deputy Max Seffrin, Sessions of the CDU-Ost National Executive Board are no longer attended by representatives of the Soviet occupation power. The Soviet liaison officer is, however, informed about all important resolutions taken by the party. The Soviet Information Service is also informed about all West Germans and West Berliners as well as citizens of people's democracies visiting the CDU-Ost central headquarters. Leading CDU-Ost members maintaining direct connections to the Soviet occupation power include Magnus Dedek, deputy chairman of the CDU organization in Bezirk Dresden; Guenther Naundorf, formerly a clergyman and now lecturer at the central CDU school; Karl Brossmann, chairman of the CDU organization in Bezirk Magdeburg; Guenther Wirth, editor of the Neue Zeit newspaper; Heinz Wolfram Mascher, a member of the CDU National Executive Board and of the FDP Central Council; Otto Hartmut Fuchs, editor-in-chief of [REDACTED] and Alwin Schaper, editor-in-chief of the Neue Zeit newspaper.

2. Liaison between the CDU and SED Central Committee is maintained by Max Seffrin, Gerhard Bastian, chief of the Finance Department of the CDU national headquarters, Guenther Wirth, Heinz Wolfram Mascher, and Fritz Hoehne. Otto Nuschke is in direct contact with Pushkin but not with the Soviet Information Service and the SED. Goetting and Seffrin are responsible to the SSD for all party activities. Herbert Trebs, at present an editor of the Neue Zeit newspaper, is known to work for the SSD.
3. Connections between the CDU and LDP were loose, while the relations

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